

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)  
**ECH00601P00100US**First named inventor: Mark SMOLENSKIApplication No.: 10/646,323Art Unit: 3677Filed: August 22, 2003Examiner: Victor D. BatsonTitle: CONNECTING SYSTEM FOR TELESCOPINGLY ENGAGED ELEMENTS AND METHOD OF. . .

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for reply in the office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed  
before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional

**1. Petition Fee**

- ☐ Small entity-fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Application claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity-fee \$ 1620.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Reply and/or fee**

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in  
the form of RCE and Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ is enclosed herewith.

- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
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## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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- Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment
- ☒ Reply
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form
- ☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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